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STATE PASS BUREAU OF MINT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO FRANKFURT OF BUREAU OF MINT DIRECTOR

REF : FRANKFURT 6211

1. CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF MINT, MRS. MARY BROOKS, IN EVERY WAY FEASIBLE IN MAKING VISIT TO FRANKFURT A SUCCESS. WE NOTE THAT SEPTEMBER 30 IS FREE. IF MRS. BROOKS IS INTERESTED, WE CAN ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH BUNDESBANK BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF CURRENCY ISSUE.

2. BUDNESBANK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRINTING AND ISSUE OF GERMAN NOTES. IT BUYS COINS FROM PRIVATE MINTS FOR ISSUE. NEAREST OF THESE PRIVATE MINTS IS AT KARLSRUHE, SOME TWO HOURS DISTANT BY CAR FROM FRANKFURT. VISIT TO THIS MINT COULD BE ARRANGED IF MRS. BROOKS SO DESIRES.

3. IF MRS. BROOKS WOULD BE INTERESTED, WE COULD ALSO TRY TO ARRANGE A CALL ON DEGUSSA, GERMANY'S PRINCIPAL PRECIOUS METALS FIRM, AND A TOUR OF ITS LOCAL OPERATION. DEGUSSA IS FRANKFURT-BASED AND SOMEWHAT MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN KARLSRUHE MINT; HOWEVER, ITS OPERATION IS NOT RELATED TO NOTE/COIN ISSUE FOR USE IN GERMANY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.

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